



Bad odor lingering in South Sioux City is making many ill and causing residents to flee their homes

Odor is being linked to the Big Ox Energy Plant

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For several weeks now, a horrible and toxic odor has been flooding South Sioux City. Many say it's gotten so bad, they're fleeing their homes.

"You can't live this way. People are checking into hotels, they're getting forced out of their homes because of the smell and they know where it's coming from. We need to get it resolved and resolved quickly because people are going to get sick. This is horrible," says Robert Baker, a South Sioux City resident."

A South Sioux City administrator connected the odor to the Big Ox Energy Plant which sits about two miles north from the affected houses. He thinks the problem may be from faulty traps in plumbing drains that are supposed to stop sewage odors from escaping.

Residents have been complaining since the smell started to get bad and city officials say they're checking homes, but many residents who are suffering the most, haven't had anyone come by.

"They say that they're out checking houses. They haven't been here to check our house, they're just not following through at all," says Robert Baker.

Robert isn't the only one who feels this way either.

"Sounds like it's more than just the neighborhood here. People are saying they can smell it all over town," says Jason Baker, visiting South Sioux City.

"I noticed when we got out of the truck that it was really bad when we got here, and then we got into my in-laws house and it was awful. It was bad upstairs but when we went downstairs, you can't breathe down there," says Sarah Baker, visiting South Sioux City.

"All the neighbors I have talked to that came over to my house and we all said we're going to the city council meeting Monday night to get some answers on what's going on, why is it going on and why weren't we notified about it," says Thomas Havelaar, a South Sioux City resident.

Big Ox representatives have given media outlets no comment when asked for an explanation to the odors.

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